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RE: APPROVAL - CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR THE AREA 5 EASTERN FIELD

Dear Mr. Reising:

Ohio EPA has reviewed the Response to Comments on the Draft Certification Report for the Area 5 Eastern Field, 20820-RP-0001 Rev A, Draft submitted by DOE on November 19, 2002. Ohio EPA approves of the RtC's and the document.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (937) 285-6466 or Donna Bohannon at (937) 285-6354.

Sincerely,

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